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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AF, US

SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH DAOUD

REF: KABUL 1993

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION EXTENT TO WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS IN WAKE OF AFGHAN REACTION TO OUR DECISION TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA. WHILE WE PREFER TO AVOID RAISING SPECIFIC IR-RITANTS, YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR CONTINUING DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOA AND OUR OBJECTIVE OF PEACEFUL RECONCILI-
ATION OF DIFFERENCES IN REGION.

2. SHOULD DAOUD RENEW HIS CRITICISM THAT OUR DECISION SUPPORTS INTERNAL REPRESSION IN PAKISTAN OR WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN ARMS RACE, YOU MAY REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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(A) WE REGRET AND WE WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE GOA CHARGE

THAT THE U.S. IS ACTING CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF PEACE
AND SECURITY IN THE REGION;

(B) WE DISAGREE THAT OUR DECISION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN
UPSETTING OF THE POWER BALANCE IN THE AREA; BOTH INDIA AND
AFGHANISTAN HAVE HAD UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO MILITARY

EQUIPMENT FROM A MAJOR POWER FOR MANY YEARS;

(C) OUR DECISION WAS BASED ON DESIRE TO ASSIST PAKISTAN
WITH ITS MINIMUM DEFENSE NEEDS, NOT RPT NOT TO PROVOKE
ARMS BUILDUP;

(D) OUR OBJECTIVE IS A STABLE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER IN
THE AREA (NOT RPT NOT MILITARY PARITY), WITH GREAT POWER
RIVALRY AT A MINIMUM; WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL HELP THE
COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY AMONG
THEMSELVES.

FYI: WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE
GOP FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT SINCE EMBARGO LIFTED. ENDFYI

3. RE YOUR DESIRE FOR BACKGROUND ON INDO-CHINA (PARA 4
REFTEL), WE URGE EMBASSY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAST-
BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS, RELYING ON OFFICIAL STATEMENTS CAR-
RIED IN WIRELESS FILE THAT MAY BE ISSUED. INGERSOLL

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